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REMARKS

Examiner French is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned in a telephonic interview on June 12, 2002. In the conversation, the undersigned addressed the sole issue raised by the Examiner as to whether there is support in the disclosure as filed for the term "wireless communication electronics". The undersigned pointed out that there is support for the concept and that it is not necessary that the exact words be used. The undersigned further explained that one example of a remote communication unit is a magnetic card 30 and that this card communicates in a "wireless" manner (e.g., via magnetic field) with the wireless communications electronics (e.g. a magnetic card reader 13).

The Examiner agreed that this interpretation provided an example of the support for the concept of "wireless" communication. The specification has been amended to include this terminology for the originally disclosed concept. It is Applicant's belief that this does not constitute new matter. The Examiner's consideration and acknowledgment (if he agrees) is requested. For at least these reasons, the grounds of rejection and objection in paragraphs 3-4 are believed to be overcome.

The drawing corrections requested in paragraph 2 have been made. In light of the Examiner's agreement that there is support for "wireless" in the specification as filed, it is requested that the Examiner acknowledge that the claim to priority as a continuation, rather than a continuation-in-part, is proper.

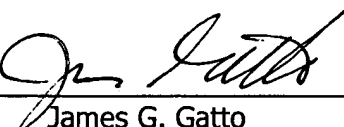
In light of the foregoing, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested.

Applicant reiterates the request that an interference be declared with the Terranova patent.

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ATTACHMENT A
Clean version of the changes to the Specification

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The second paragraph beginning at page 10, line 9, has been rewritten as follows:

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According to one embodiment, the transaction network system preferably is operable by use of user identification technique such as an identification (ID) card 30 unique to each user or account. Preferably the ID card comprises a plastic card having the ability to store information. As described elsewhere herein, other ID mechanisms may be used. For simplicity, various embodiments of the invention will be described with reference to an ID card having a magnetic strip located thereon. For example, the card may comprise at least one magnetic strip for magnetically storing information. Information may be written to the card 30 and read from the card in a generally known manner. The magnetic card 30 and card reader/writer 13 is an example of wireless communications electronics associated with a terminal 10 (e.g., ATM, fuel dispenser or other terminal adapted to receive signals from one or more customer remote communication units (e.g., card 30 or other customer remote communication unit).

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